

## Background information on Wiltshire and resident profile of council-owned housing stock

### Background

The housing stock of Wiltshire Council is all contained within the geographical area of the former Salisbury District Council in south Wiltshire, which had a population of approximately 105,000 residents, of which over one third live in Salisbury City, and the remainder in small towns and villages. The population of Wiltshire as a whole in the 2001 Census was 613,024.

### Diversity

The county of Wiltshire has low levels of people who are from ethnic groups. The Black and Multi-Ethnic (BME) population is c. 3%, although Trowbridge has the largest Moroccan community outside of London, and a large Polish community, and 78 different languages are spoken throughout the county. This limited diversity is reflected in the council-owned stock with the figures in the table below being obtained from the last 6 months CORE (Continuous Recording) returns on new lettings:

### Ethnic origin of new Wiltshire Council tenants over previous 6 months as recorded from CORE returns

<b>Ethnic Group</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
White: British	64	92.8%
White: Irish	0	0.0%
White: Other	2	2.9%
Mixed: White & Black Caribbean	0	0.0%
Mixed: White & Black African	0	0.0%
Mixed: White & Asian	0	0.0%
Mixed: Other	0	0.0%
Asian/Asian British: Indian	0	0.0%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	0	0.0%
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	0	0.0%
Asian/Asian British: Other	0	0.0%
Black/Black British: Caribbean	2	2.9%
Black/Black British: African	0	0.0%
Black/Black British: Other	0	0.0%
Chinese/Other ethnic group: Chinese	0	0.0%
Chinese/Other ethnic group: Other	1	1.4%
Gypsy/Romany/Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	

## **BME All Households**

Households	Total	% BME (where ethnic
5	69	7.25%

## **Economic and employment information**

The economy of the area is largely based on the service sector and farming, with a significant armed forces presence, but little primary or secondary industry. There is a low level of unemployment compared to the national average, with 87% of men being economically active and 80% of women. There is a relatively high level of people over retirement age in the county (21%), and there is also a relatively high percentage of the population with a disability or long-term illness (15%).

## **Economic status of new tenants from CORE Returns**

<b>Economic</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Other adult	6	8.6%
Full-time work (30 hrs or more per week)	11	15.7%
Part-time work (less than 30 hrs per week)	58	12 17.1%
Govt training/New Deal	0	0.0%
Job seeker	12	17.1%
Retired	14	20.0%
Not seeking work	8	11.4%
Full-time student	2	2.9%
Unable to work because of long term sickness or disability		5 7.1%
Child under 16	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	

## **Income information from CORE returns**

<b>Net Income</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under £40	0	0.0%
£40 - £60	1	2.1%
80 £60 - £80	4	8.3%
£80 - £100	7	14.6%
£100 - £120	2	4.2%
£120 - £140	5	10.4%
£140 - £160	2	4.2%
£160 - £180	4	8.3%
£180 - £200	2	4.2%
£200 and over	21	43.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	